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LETTER DATED 31 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF QATAR TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar on 17 January 1991. I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hassan Ali Hussain AL-NI'MAH
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar
on 17 January 1991

With the exhaustion of all the efforts made and the frustration of the initiatives proposed and appeals launched to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for his compliance with the inter-Arab and Islamic resolutions and the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council calling for the unconditional withdrawal of the Iraqi forces occupying the State of Kuwait and the restoration to Kuwait of its legitimate Government under the leadership of its Amir, His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and given that the Iraqi President has persisted in his intransigent stance of rejecting all such efforts, initiatives and appeals and that he rejected the international rule of law while it was yet in his power to avoid the worst and avert hostilities and bloodshed, military operations for the liberation of the State of Kuwait commenced early today in implementation of Security Council resolutions which are supported by the State of Qatar.

"If God helps you, none can overcome you."

"Help comes only from God, the All-mighty, the All-wise."